# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



## **FISCAL NOTE**

## SB 1582 - HB 1564

January 24, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Entitles any volunteer firefighter who successfully completes the appropriate annual in-service training course to the \$600 pay supplement offered by the Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Commission.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$7,383,000

### Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-24-202(a), the \$600 pay supplement is currently only offered to professional firefighters who work for a unit of government, such as a public fire department.
- This legislation will increase the number of individuals who are entitled to the \$600 pay supplement.
- According to information provided by the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO), the number of volunteer firefighters in Tennessee is estimated to be 15,381.
- At least 80 percent, or a minimum of 12,305 (15,381 x 80.0%) volunteer firefighters, will complete the required in-service training and receive the \$600 pay supplement each year.
- An additional appropriation from the state General Fund will be required to fund the additional pay supplements.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures from the General Fund is estimated to exceed \$7,383,000 (12,305 x \$600).

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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